

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing apparatus connected through a network to a server for providing a first service and to a terminal for requesting the provision of the first service and the provision of a second service, comprising:

authentication means for authenticating the terminal by the use of authentication data used by the server to authenticate the terminal; and

providing means for providing the second service for the terminal according to a result of authentication made by the authentication means.

2. An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein the first service is a service for distributing contents sent according to a reservation made in advance, to the terminal in real time, and

the second service is a service for providing a chat space corresponding to the reservation for the terminal.

3. An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein the first service is a service for providing the terminal with a chat space corresponding to a

reservation made in advance for distributing contents in real time, and

the second service is a service for distributing the contents to the terminal in real time.

4. An information processing method for an information processing apparatus connected through a network to a server for providing a first service and to a terminal for requesting the provision of the first service and the provision of a second service, comprising:

an authentication step of authenticating the terminal by the use of authentication data used by the server to authenticate the terminal; and

a providing step of providing the second service for the terminal according to a result of authentication made in the authentication step.

5. A recording medium storing a computer-readable program for an information processing apparatus connected through a network to a server for providing a first service and to a terminal for requesting the provision of the first service and the provision of a second service, the program comprising:

an authentication step of authenticating the terminal by the use of authentication data used by the server to

authenticate the terminal; and

a providing step of providing the second service for the terminal according to a result of authentication made in the authentication step.

6. A program for an information processing apparatus connected through a network to a server for providing a first service and to a terminal for requesting the provision of the first service and the provision of a second service, the program making a computer execute processing comprising:

an authentication step of authenticating the terminal by the use of authentication data used by the server to authenticate the terminal; and

a providing step of providing the second service for the terminal according to a result of authentication made in the authentication step.